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REPORT NO.

- TOPIC  
1. Polish and Soviet Troops and Military Installations in Breslau (Wroclaw)  
2. Polish Artillery Unit in Kazim and Polish Tank Unit in Arnswalde (Choszczno)

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DATE OF CONTENT summer 1952 to February 1953

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to February 1953, the large Soviet motor-vehicle repair shop in Pohlauowitz (P 52/C 42) near Breslau (P 52/C 41) was still in operation and also still employed Germans. [ ] confirmed the occupation by Soviet troops of the former AAA Barracks near Oltaschin prior to late 1952. <sup>1</sup>

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2. In January 1953, the former old Police Barracks in Hartlieb on the south side of ul. Wabrzyska (Waldenburger Street) quartered Polish Army troops, who wore red service color. The barracks installation, which was modernized after about the latter part of the summer of 1951, served as billets of Polish Army units after early 1952. It included two three-story barracks buildings and a yard, which was used for training. In January 1953, the installation quartered the replacement unit of an infantry unit. [ ] no heavy weapons or vehicles. <sup>2</sup>

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3. Prior to January 1953, [ ] the office of the Polish military area command on ul. Adama Prochnicka, at which Soviet officers did duty in Polish uniforms. Officers of the military area command were billeted in villas on former Babitz Street and former Scharnhorst Street. <sup>3</sup>

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Prior to early 1953, the former new German Army post hospital on the east side of former Lohe Street and north of the projection of former Jaennicke Street, which branched off toward the east, served as a Polish Army hospital.

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4. Prior to late 1952, a state-controlled Polish fuel depot was east of the city, directly southeast of the tiny place of Poepel (Popiele), on both sides of ul. Swojecka, formerly Rigaer Street. The installation, which was 300 to 400 meters east of the bridge over the Breitenbach Canal, was the former Olex Depot, and included about four large overground gasoline tanks on the northeast side of Rigaer Street, which stemmed from a previous time. After 1950, the installation was enlarged by additional tanks on the southwest side of Rigaer Street. [ ]

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The depot, which served current supply, had a railroad spur track and was last observed during 1952.

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5. In late 1952, a material depot, which was guarded by Polish soldiers was on the north side of ul. Tadeusza Krzywoustego, formerly Hundsfelder Street, between this street and the railroad line to Hundsfeld (P 52/C 52) and about 200 meters west of the branching point of the approach to the railroad station of Burgweide. The depot stored bricks, planks, squared wooden beams, barbed wire and wire on drums and also included about four low corrugated sheet-metal buildings. 4

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6. Prior to the latter part of the summer of 1952, [redacted] observed a barracks installation, occupied by Polish troops, which seemed to be modern and was located on the southeastern perimeter of the town of Kazun (R 53/K 70) near Modlin

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- 25X1 a Polish Army unit whose soldiers wore red service color. The unit was equipped with six-wheel trucks and about 15 guns of one type. They were towed as single loads and had rubber-tired solid iron wheels, shields with lateral portions

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- slightly bent to the rear and barrels without muzzle brakes. [redacted] the unit only leaving the billets on trucks. 5 In the summer of 1952, the road bridge over the Vistula River indicated on the map, scale 1 : 100,000, directly northwest of the barracks installation was destroyed. However, a new road bridge was farther to the northwest and directly west of the influx of the Narew River into the Vistula River.

- 25X1 7. In mid-May 1953, [redacted] a Polish tank battalion in Arnswalde (O 54/R 13) from 1950 to 1952. The battalion was equipped with tanks of old models including T-34 tanks. Enlisted men had to serve in tank units for three years, but there were numerous exceptions since premature discharges became necessary for the poor state of health of the soldiers in Arnswalde. 6

- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. The Soviet repair shop in Pohlanowitz and the Soviet occupation of the former AAA Barracks are confirmed prior to February 1953 and December 1952. A rocket launcher unit of the northern group is carried in the former AAA Barracks.

- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. A previous report of August 1951 stated that new buildings were under construction at this installation. It is believed that the modernizing work mentioned in the present report is identical with these construction activities.

- 25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. The DOW 4 headquarters is confirmed in this building prior to January 1953.

- 25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. A previous report of August 1951 stated that a Polish fuel and material depot, which was guarded by tank troops, was at this site.

- 25X1 5. [redacted] Comment. Previous records indicate that an old barracks installation, which quartered an engineer unit (2nd Engr Regt ?) prior to 1950, is located at this site. If the number of guns is approximately correct, [redacted] probably [redacted] an artillery battalion, which may have been equipped with 122-mm field howitzers.

- 25X1A 6. [redacted] Comment. The only barracks installation known in Arnswalde is on the road to Neuwedell (Drawno). While reports received prior to 1949 indicated that the installation quartered tank troops, a previous report of March 1951 stated that Unit [redacted] was stationed at the town.

- 25X1 [redacted] the 36th Arty Regt of the 14th Mtz Rifle Div in Deutach Krone. The tank unit presumably is subordinate to this division. Several previous reports stated that specialists have to serve for three years.

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